REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 13 and 14 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 13 are amended and claims 4, 8, 11 and 12 are canceled. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the claims as previously presented. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to the Advisory Action. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 3, 5-7 and 9 are allowed and that claims 11, 13 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claim 2 recites the allowable subject matter of its dependent claim 11, claim 13 is amended to be in independent form and claim 14 depends from claim 13. Accordingly, it is asserted that at claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9, 13 and 14 are allowable.

The May 25, 2010 Advisory Action, on page 2, stated that the Amendment of May 18, 2010 would be allowable if claim 4 were canceled. The above amendments to the claims are identical to those made in the Amendment on May 18, 2010, except that claim 4 is canceled. Thus, it is asserted that this application is allowable.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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